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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed on June 5, 2002 cancelling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because they are drawn to an apparatus (the non-elected invention), rather than to a method (the elected invention).

2. Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the disclosure.
4. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Technology Center and Group Art Unit numbers for prosecution of this application have changed. The Technology Center number is now 3600. The Group Art Unit number is now 3627.

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication, or earlier communications, should be directed to the examiner, Jerry O'Connor, whose telephone number is (703) 305-1525, and whose facsimile number is (703) 746-3976.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald J. O'Connor", with a stylized, flowing script.

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